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Applicants: John Kung, et al.

Serial No.: (Continuation of 09/361,425) Art Unit: 1683

Filed: December 27, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS FOR STABILIZING OXYGEN-LABILE SPECIES

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in conjunction with the filing of the above-captioned patent application, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/361,425, filed July 27, 1999. Kindly amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, line 1, kindly add the following:

--This patent application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No 09/361,425, filed July 27, 1999 and hereby incorporates the subject matter of said application herein.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 7 and 15 without prejudice.

Kindly add the following claims:

17. A composition comprising therapeutically effective amounts of at least one oil-soluble and at least one water-soluble oxygen-labile species, said oil-soluble species being selected from the group consisting of: retinoids, choleciferol, vitamin K, tocotrienol, fatty acids, tocopherol and derivatives thereof ; said water-soluble species being selected from the group consisting of: ascorbic acid and its derivatives, niacin, thiamine, riboflavin, folic acid, pyridoxine, pantothenic acid, niacinamide, lipoic acid, dihydrolipoic acid, amino acids and their derivatives; and one or more

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